

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

Date: December 17, 1998

Subject: Meadowlands Plating and Finishing Site
East Rutherford, Bergen County, New Jersey

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POLREP No. 1 (Initial)

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.: L W
Delivery Order No.: 2101-02-033
Response Authority: CERCLA
ERNS No.: N/A
CERCLIS No.: N/A
NPL Status: Non-NPL
Action Memo Status: Approved 11/19/98
Start Date: 12/8/98
Demobilization Date: N/A
Completion Date: N/A

leaking their contents onto the floor.

- ° Approximately 80,000 gallons of free-flowing corrosive plating liquids in subfloor concrete troughs.

- ° Approximately 50,000 gallons of corrosive plating liquids inside various plating/holding/ dipping tanks.

- ° Approximately 1,400 pounds of metallic cyanide compounds contained in six partially filled drums stored in a bin near open tanks containing acids.

- ° Approximately 400 small chemical containers in a laboratory area.

- ° Thirty-five over packed 55-gallon drums containing metallic plating wastes.

- ° Approximately twenty cylinders of compressed propane, hydrogen and other flammable gases inside and outside the building.

- ° A box trailer containing 68 drums of unknown chemicals or wastes outside the building.

- ° Three 25-cubic yard roll-off containers, one of which contains of dried metallic plating wastes, located in an area in the rear parking lot.

- ° Two semi-buried tanks of nickel plating wastes, each containing approximately 1,000 gallons, located outside the building.

- ° A waste treatment facility containing unknown, but visible amounts of liquid wastes and partially treated solid plating wastes.

- ° Approximately 400 gallons of waste oil contained in a leaking open tank, located inside the building.

- ° An outside underground #2 fuel oil storage tank containing an unknown amount of fuel stored within.

- ° 33-gallons of liquid cyanide waste in six 55-gallon drums.

- ° An underground gasoline storage tank containing an unknown amount of gasoline.

- ° Abandoned plating tanks containing approximately 1 ton of precipitated metallic crystals.

IV. COST INFORMATION

	Current Ceiling	Current Action Cost	Current Amount Remaining
ERCs Contractor	\$500,000	\$32,869.96	\$467,130.04
START	\$40,000	-	-
USCG	\$130,000	-	-
EPA	\$65,000	-	-

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for recovery.

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